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Eagle-eyed deterrent to scare off the pigeons



Frank Caldwell shows off two birds on guard at Haden Hill House

AN EAGLE and Peregrine Falcon are standing guard at a Sandwell museum to keep pooping pigeons at bay.

Sandwell Council has drafted in the duo to help keep the peace at Haden Hill House Museum in Rowley Regis. They have been placed by first floor windows to scare the pigeons away and stop them splattering pathways.

A staff member suggested the idea after seeing plastic owls stuck on the outside of buildings to discourage pigeons.

Frank Caldwell, museums service manager, said: "We've got some wonderful Victorian taxidermic specimens which we have pressed into service."

"To date we've recruited a White Tailed Fish Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon which eagle-eyed visitors may be able to spot looking out from first floor windows."

"It's very much a 'try it and see' at this stage but if it works we might experiment with other birds at our other sites."

New gym plan wins backing

WORK on a new gym as part of a £1million revamp at Stourbridge College is scheduled to begin next month.

A planning application to transform a courtyard and the old staff dining room into a new development for students and staff to work out has been given approval by bosses at Dudley Council.

Restoration fears over delay on scheme to turn historic foundry into health centre

ONE of the Black Country's "most important" buildings is in severe danger of falling beyond repair if urgent action is not taken soon, campaigners have warned.

The grade II listed Foster and Rastrick Foundry site in Lowndes Road, Stourbridge, has stood empty for more than eight years, during which time it has been repeatedly targeted by vandals.

Landowners Quadrant Land Partnership won approval to transform it into a medical complex at the beginning of last year – but there has been no sign of progress.

The West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust has now completed a report into alternative uses, which will be revealed in May.

Ward councillor Malcolm Knowles said residents were "extremely concerned" about the state of the building. "It needs something done as soon as possible. This is part of Stourbridge's heritage – a very



At risk – the listed Foster and Rastrick Foundry important part – and it's in danger of getting into so bad a state it can't be restored. We need to look after it." The foundry is one of the area's few grade II listed

buildings, and is one of five listed buildings on the site.

It has been standing empty since 2003 and has been on English Heritage's register as being seriously at risk since 1999.

English Heritage spokeswoman Helen Bowman added: "We share the concerns of local people and the council about the condition of the building and are anxious to see it brought back into use as soon as possible."

The 30,000-sq ft healthcare complex would be named The Lion Medical Centre in recognition of the foundry having manufactured the first steam locomotive to run on rails in America in 1829, known by as the "Stourbridge Lion".

A spokeswoman for property developers Quadrant Land Partnership, of Malt Mill Lane, Halesowen, said "the company did not wish to make a comment at this time".

University scholarship for student

HALESOWEN College A-level student April-Faith Russell is celebrating after being awarded a £2,500 scholarship to do her dream course at Bangor University.

The 18-year-old will be studying for a degree in creative studies including media, journalism and photography from October.

She is the first student from the college to be awarded a scholarship at the university. They are given to only four students across the UK every year.

April-Faith, from Oldbury, is studying English literature, media and ICT. She said: "I am absolutely delighted to have received this scholarship."

BAILED ROBBER SMUGGLED DRUG

A SERIAL criminal who robbed six frightened teenagers at knife-point in the Black Country was freed to start smuggling drugs after his arrest, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Oliver Bell was given police bail while waiting for the case to be dealt with and promptly caught a flight to the Caribbean.

The 29-year-old was arrested again weeks later while trying to board a plane back to England from Trinidad and Tobago when officials discovered he was carrying a "significant" amount of cocaine. Miss Heidi Kubik, prosecuting, told the court.

He was locked up and sentenced to three years' hard labour by Caribbean authorities at that stage.

But the decision to release him in the first place was questioned by a judge when Bell finally faced justice in this country. Bell, of Wood Norton Road, Rowley Regis, was jailed for a further four years and eight months for the crime spree in Halesowen.

Judge Robin Onions said at the hearing on Tuesday: "I am surprised that he was bailed after being charged with the robberies, especially since his previous convictions included two for failing to surrender

and breaches of court orders." Bell was in a gang of three who robbed a group of 15-year-old boys of four phones worth almost £800 at a recreation ground in Hurst Green, Halesowen. Bell had warned the teenagers "let go of the mobiles or I will stab you", Miss Kubik said.

The victims were grabbed and ordered to empty their pockets in the robbery, in May 2009. Father-of-two Bell and another man then robbed a 17-year-old youth and girl aged 16 of a mobile, handbag and two gold chains in Leasowes Park, Halesowen, about three weeks later.

Horrendous

The youth noted the number of a blue Citroen Saxo parked nearby which matched a vehicle seen at the location of the earlier offence and turned out to belong to Bell's girlfriend.

He was arrested the next day and found to be in possession of one of the stolen mobiles, said Miss Kubik. None of the other stolen property was recovered.

Mr Jonathan Challinor, defending, said Bell found hard labour "horrendous". Bell admitted the six robberies. He had been returned to the UK to complete his Caribbean sentence in this country this year in an exchange programme.



Ray Chapman and his award for his ugly stepsister role

Ray's success a real fairytale

FROM the moment he pranced on stage in a miniskirt singing "I'm so pretty," Ray Chapman was the hit of new-look fairytale panto Cindy Rella in the Wild Wild West.

Playing one of Cindy's mean ugly sisters in the show, held for a week in January, Mr Chapman has been presented with the Tony Vincent Award by Halesowen-based theatre group Starline Variety for being the most entertaining member of the cast.

He said it had been the first time he had ever taken on a full role.

"I really enjoyed it. I

threw myself into the character. I loved being that vile and horrible," added father-of-two Mr Chapman, of Ridgeacre Road, Halesowen.

"It was such a surprise to have won the award. I'm very honoured."

Memory

Set in Texas, Cindy Rella in the Wild Wild West was the story of a girl who found her Vince Charming with the help of squaw Minnie Ho Ho, a fairy godmother of sorts.

The award was set up in memory of Starline Variety founder member Mr Vincent who died in August 2000, aged 59.

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Hospital in challenge on council parking bid

DUDLEY'S Russells Hall Hospital is fighting council plans to stop patients, staff and visitors parking on car-clogged roads nearby, it has been revealed.

Dudley Council has been consulting on proposals to tackle problems caused by parking in streets nearby.

Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Founda-

tion Trust chief executive Paula Clark said she lodged an objection as she did not feel plans to restrict on-road parking would solve problems.

Residents say drivers visiting the hospital clog surrounding streets, despite a 691-space car park opening.

The council's transport chief said he was "surprised" at Mrs Clark's reaction as "the parking problems are caused by people at the hospital".

Up to 50 extra spaces may be made available as soil is moved from behind the new car park - but a planning application must go in first.

Council chiefs want parking restrictions to deter drivers from leaving vehicles in streets.

Councillor Angus Adams, cabinet member for transport, said: "The hospital is arguing it can rectify the situation itself but we have been waiting for a long time and it doesn't seem to be happening."

"We will look at the objection but if it is not justified we will just take it as part of the consultation."

Plans include restricted access and waiting restrictions on neighbouring roads.

10,000 expected for vehicle show

VINTAGE car enthusiasts will descend on Sandwell Valley Country Park for Sandwell Council's 33rd Historic Vehicle and Transport Show.

Crowds of over 10,000 are expected to the free event on Sunday, May 8.

Over 500 vehicles will be on show, dating back to the 1920s and including a 1924 Rolls Royce Cabriolet and a 1920 Triumph Motorcycle.

American cars, commercial vehicles, buses and

motorcycles will compete for the 48 awards on offer.

Other attractions include an arena with the Piston Ring Youth Motorcycle Display Team, autotumble, crafts, fair, market and trade stands.

A regular bus service will run to the showground from West Bromwich Bus Station, with free car parking available in the town centre. Disabled parking will be close at hand.

Non-smoker William hits 101



William Davies celebrates his 101st birthday with family and friends in Himley

IT WAS three cheers for William Davies who rolled back the years to reminisce with family and friends at his 101st birthday party.

He celebrated the landmark occasion at the Himley Hotel, in School Road, Himley, at a gathering organised by niece his June Devey, aged 74, and nephew Charles Davies, 79.

Mr Davies clocked up a host of jobs from postman to factory worker but said some of his happiest years were spent helping his wife Ethel run their grocery shops in Nock

Street, Tipton. Mr Davies - who had two brothers and four sisters - was raised in Holland Street, Tipton, and attended Ocker Hill School before leaving to work at a fixtures and fittings manufacturer in Broadway Road, Wednesbury.

He married Ethel in Coseley in June 1937 and they were wed for 63 years before her death in 1999.

Mr Davies now lives in sheltered housing in Tipton.

Of his health he said: "I've always tried to look after myself, I only tried smoking once and didn't like it."

£10,000 revamp for zoo enclosure

A HISTORIC Tecton building at Dudley Zoo has been brought back into full use thanks to a £10,000 revamp.

Around 20 members of staff were drafted in to transform two sections of the iconic Tecton triple complex.

It is one of 12 concrete modernist structures at the attraction.

Designed by Russian architect Berthold Lubetkin and constructed between 1935 and the zoo's opening in May 1937, they have been listed as buildings of special architectural or historical interest.

They were given World Monuments Fund status in 2009 as being of international significance.

Enclosures

The complex originally provided a trio of enclosures for lions on the right, polar bears in the centre and tigers on the left, but the central area has remained empty for years after polar bears were removed from the animal collection in the 1980s.

The lions were also moved with 33-year-old Asiatic black bear, Inca, taking their place.

As a result of the work Inca will be moving into the central area while Gelada baboons, which are due to arrive in the next few weeks, will be taking over her former enclosure.

The third section is home to newly-arrived Amur tiger, Makari.

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Jobs joy as firm seals Merc deal

Pickers tackle grot spots



Stourbridge resident Russell Eden cleans Heath Street as part of a new campaign

A CAMPAIGN urging people to "adopt a spot" to rid streets of litter has launched.

More than 10 people have agreed to keep sections of streets where they live in Stourbridge clean and clear.

Anti-litter action group Tidy Stourbridge was created after pictures of grubby, rubbish-filled streets appeared on social networking site Twitter.

Group co-founder Russell Eden, of Heath Street, Stourbridge, tackled a 50 metre stretch of road outside his home. He said: "We had a lot of people tell us that

they would like to come to our events but that they couldn't make it, or would be more inclined to do it if it was around where they live.

"I've cleared an area of my street and it looks fantastic – the contrast with where no work has been done is really striking."

He said they started to work closely with Dudley Council, which provided volunteers with litter-picking equipment. Tidy Stourbridge has held at least one litter-picking event a month since July, often alongside a social pint in a nearby pub afterwards.

A HALESOWEN engineering firm is set for a jobs boost after securing a seven-year contract worth £5 million to make parts for the forthcoming Mercedes-Benz S-Class luxury car.

ETMA Engineering hopes to recruit up to 20 workers, with the possibility of more if continues to land further orders. ETMA, part of the GSA Group, was selected from engineering companies across Europe for the lucrative contract with global automotive designer and manufacturer Faurecia.

The Victoria Road firm will be making five parts for a new-style armrest in Mercedes' flagship car.

Reassuring

ETMA is currently tooling up for production and will be looking to recruit staff when work on the contract starts towards the end of next year.

GSA Group's business manager Rajesh Bedi said: "This is great news for both ETMA Engineering as well as for the wider West Midlands region."

"In these uncertain times this comes as reassuring news that there are manufacturing opportunities opening up; it's about looking both locally as well as beyond to find them."

"As a company we kept our heads down and our efforts and standards high when times were low, and that is exactly what led to us converting this latest milestone contract."

Mural in the making

ARTISTS are invited to help create a mural of the Titanic as part of the run-up to an annual arts showcase event in Dudley. The mural is being created at Art-space, in Brierley Hill. Those wishing to contribute should call Anna Fusco on 01384 816587.

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Pledge to carry on with purge

COUNCIL bosses will continue seizing horses from the streets of Sandwell.

It follows seizures of two animals recently from the Weddell Wynd patch of land, Tipton Green.

The council, trying to stop stray horses wandering streets and wrecking gardens, says more horses seen wandering will be taken.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, said: "We have instructed the bailiffs to continue their endeavours and it would seem that the roaming horses

have disappeared. We would like any residents to notify us if they are still in the area.

"We have started on this process and we will be making sure we clean up the Tipton area but we want to speak to the responsible horse owners to try and get some resolutions to the problem which has been with us for 50 or 60 years."

It is expected to cost up to £1,000 to remove each horse.

Owners have to pay medical, stabling and feeding costs to get them back.

Ancient law could help get horses off streets

Brahms is taking the spotlight



Musical director Tim Calloway seen leading Brierley Hill Choral Society

A CHOIR based in Dudley which has serenaded audiences for more than seven decades is dedicating its latest show to the works of a famous German composer.

Members of Brierley Hill Choral Society are busy rehearsing for their next show called Basically Brahms which will be staged next month at St Michael's Church, off Church Hill, in Brierley Hill, on May 7. Compositions from conductor Tim Cal-

loway will also feature during the night. Society chairman Bob Lloyd-Jones says choir members are looking forward to the show.

Prices range from £7.50 to £8.50 with £5 student and £18 family tickets available which include refreshments.

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STRAY horses plaguing the Black Country will be impounded under an old law as part of a new plan unveiled by police and council leaders.

It came after Dudley Council officers agreed seizure of horses fell under section 24 of the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847, allowing cattle on a highway to be seized and impounded.

The council will pay police an undisclosed sum so horses straying onto roads can be seized and found permanent homes if owners do not appear in three days, in a six-month trial.

Hundreds of reports of animals causing havoc wandering across main roads flooded in since the start of the year, especially in Pensnett, Brockmoor, Kingswinford and Coseley areas.

Chief Inspector Mark Bramwell said: "It means that we can actually take positive action and possibly move the horses for good, should they cause a problem. We get high volumes of calls each week and in many cases we have been powerless to act. The issue has always been identifying owners for these animals, however the new arrangement will give the owner the option to come forward and deal with the issue."

When an animal is impounded and moved to a paddock outside the Black Country, the owner has three days to prove ownership and settle fines. Bosses have declined to say how much it will cost.

Council director of urban environment, John Millar, said they had a reactive service to help deal with stray horses after months of behind the scenes work with a number of agencies. "We will continue to work with our partners to tackle the problem of horses abandoned by irresponsible owners across the borough."

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£1.9m work on Baylies started



Work begins at the historic Baylies Hall in Tower Street, Dudley. Below: Auctioneer Chris Aston on the roof of the building and a picture from 1901, when it was home to a charity school

A LANDMARK 19th century hall in Dudley town centre will be restored to its former glory as part of a £1.9million redevelopment scheme.

Repairs will be made to the Grade II listed Baylies Hall, Tower Street, which was once a charity school and is now the home to long-standing auctioneers Aston's.

Work forms part of a project aimed at rejuvenating key historic buildings in the town centre. Architectural features and stone sculptures outside will be repaired and railings, which were the original boundary, will be reinstated.

Funding will come from Heritage Lottery Fund's townscape heritage initiative scheme, English Heritage and Dudley Council.

Chris Aston, owner of Aston's Auctioneers and Valuers, said: "We are delighted to receive the grant to restore our building."

"Had it not been for the townscape heritage initiative pro-



gramme we would have been forced to look for new premises, as the cost of proper restoration would have been prohibitive.

Excited

"We are now excited for the works to be finished so that our staff and customers can enjoy the hall in all its glory and carry on

working here for decades to come." Dudley Council's director of urban environment John Miliar said: "Baylies Hall is a beautiful town centre building that we want to restore and preserve for future generations." Baylies Hall dates back to 1824 when it was built to house Baylies Charity School.

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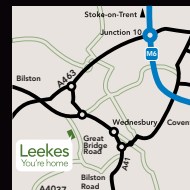
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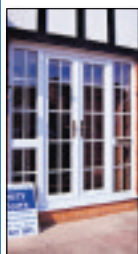
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Drunk driver could not remember visit to pub

Dancing robot delights crowds

AN 8ft robot stomped into the Black Country to surprise and delight shoppers with some slick moves.

Titan the Robot danced and interacted with youngsters during three, free 30-minute shows at the Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill.

He was also there to promote the Black Country University Technical College, which is due to open in Walsall in September offering Year 10 and sixth formers the chance to gain qualifications for a career in science and engineering.

About 200 people gathered round the stage in Fountain Square to see each performance. Edna May Johnson, aged 77, of Witton Street, Stourbridge, danced with Titan and sang along to routines. She said: "He's very entertaining."

Among the families there yesterday were Carol Evans, 54, of Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, and her grandson Kyle, aged six. Mrs Evans said Kyle was a bit frightened at first but then Titan made him laugh by making burping noises and he loved it.



Titan with, from left, shoppers Sheila Deane, Lara Horsley and Amy Humphries. Inset: Titan the Robot entertaining onlookers at the Merry Hill shopping centre

AN UNEMPLOYED mechanic who drove home when more than four times the drink-drive limit was followed home by an off-duty police officer who watched on as he took 20 minutes to find his front door keys.

Jason Pritchard had been drinking at The Cat pub in Wordsley before heading home in the early hours in his parents' car. But he almost collided with the officer as he left the car park, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

The officer followed 36-year-old Pritchard to his home in Barnett Lane, Kingswinford.

Pritchard, who was driving a Peugeot VRM, almost collided with a second vehicle coming in the opposite direction and was seen driving down the middle of the road in the incident at about 12.30pm, said Mr David Truelove, prosecuting.

When he reached his home, where he lives with his parents, he was "moving the car backwards and forwards" trying to reverse onto the drive.

Mr Truelove said: "The officer then watched the defendant and saw him spend a full 20 minutes - and she counted - trying to open the front door."

Banned

Pritchard was so drunk that "he did not even require a roadside breath test", said Mr Truelove.

Pritchard, an unemployed mechanic who previously worked at Kwik Fit in Halesowen, had 146 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath when he was tested on April 4. The legal drink-drive limit is 35 microgrammes.

Pritchard, who admitted drink driving, was given a 12-month community order and must carry out 300 hours of unpaid work. He was also banned from driving for 30 months.

Chairman of magistrates, Mr Michael Penn, said: "A custodial sentence could have been imposed but, taking into account your previous record and your remorse, we will make a community order."

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Pritchard could not remember being at the pub and had reacted badly to finding out his partner was having an affair.

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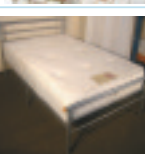
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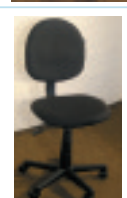
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Walkers marking 25 years

A WALKING group has issued a special invitation to celebrate its 25th birthday.

Halesowen Ramblers are looking forward to welcoming members old and new to join them for their new programme of anniversary walks.

Volunteers from the group organise around 200 each year, from four-mile rambles to 10-mile circular hikes.

The group is now hoping lots of like-minded lovers of the countryside will pull on their walking boots and join them.

Since the group first came together in 1986 the keen walkers have organised thousands of rambles to beauty spots close to home and further afield.

Enthusiastic walkers of all abilities are invited to take part in existing popular walks, or to help to plan new routes.

Club secretary Ron Baker said, "We have had a fantastic 25 years and many firm friendships have been made through our group."

"We hope that our love of the countryside will inspire even more

people to join us to make our anniversary year our most successful yet." Halesowen Ramblers meet most Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays with walks often ending with

a country pub visit. The group also enjoys rambling weekend breaks to country hotels, as well as meals out and trips to the theatre. More information can be found at

www.halrambler.pwp.pl.uevonder.co.uk or by calling 0121 550 0530. Future members can take part in three free taster rambles before paying a £4 yearly membership fee.



Halesowen Ramblers celebrate 25 years of walking around Britain. Pictured are, front, Dawne Jackson and back, from left Tony Jackson and Frank Foster

Police overtime bill rockets

THE cost of overtime for West Midlands Police has jumped by almost 60 per cent in the last decade.

The police overtime bill for the force has increased from £11.4m in 2000/01 to almost £18m in 2009/10 – meaning each officer is now pocketing an average of £2,081 on top of their annual salary.

The bill peaked in 2007/08 at

£24.1m, but it has been slashed by more than £3.3m last year as the force attempts to reduce costs in the wake of stingy Government cuts to budgets.

Staffordshire Police spent £5.3m last year on police overtime, up 13 per cent on a decade ago, averaging £2,442 an officer, while West Mercia's bill spiralled to £4.9m from £3.8m, an average of £2,034 per officer.

West Mercia managed to reduce

payouts by £906,000 the last year, while payments have increased in Staffordshire by £308,000.

West Midlands Police is being forced to make savings of £125m and Staffordshire Police £39m as Government funding for the police service is cut by 20 per cent in real terms by 2014/15. West Midlands Police has warned that it faces losing 2,250 jobs, with the Staffordshire force shedding 600 jobs and West Mercia 300.

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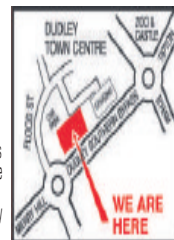
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Former Dudley fireman Charles Johnson

JUST eight months into his new job in 1947, Charles Johnson found himself fighting a ferocious fire as it swept through historic Himley Hall.

"It burned for six days straight and was the biggest fire I fought in my 30-year career," said the 91-year-old great-grandfather.

The devastating blaze was one of thousands he tackled as a fireman posted at Dudley Fire Station in Tower Street.

After leaving the army in 1946 following six years of service, aged 25, he found himself without a trade to fall back on.

Instead he signed up to join the national fire service and found himself back in

A six-day blaze at Himley Hall was the biggest fire fought by rookie fireman Charles Johnson. The 91-year-old spoke to Heather Large.

Dudley where he was born. He was one of 38 former soldiers, airmen and sailors who had been recruited after the end of the Second World War.

"It was quite an upheaval for us all coming out of the forces," he said.

"We had all been through so much during the war that we all had a lot in common and this gave us this good comradeship."

"It was a pleasure to go to work and I really mean that, we all enjoyed our job."

The former Grenadier Guard said the fire at Himley Hall, which broke out during its conversion for use by the National Coal Board and gutted the south wing, was par-

ticularly memorable because of the scale of the devastation.

"I was in one of the first fire engines to arrive at the hall. There were 17 fire engines there in total because it was such a huge fire."

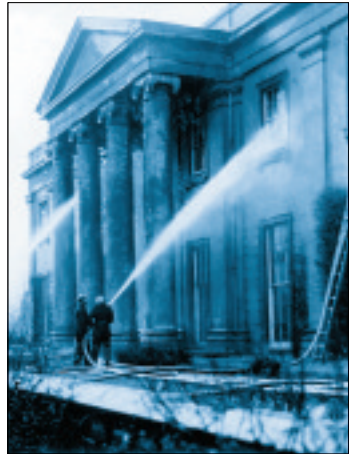
"It did a lot of damage and it took a lot of water and effort to put it out," he said.

When Mr Johnson joined the service, Dudley had three engines and the base was in charge of eight other stations stretching from Kinner in South Staffordshire across the Black Country to Old Hill and Coseley.

The former St John's Primary School pupil said the early uniforms were "primitive" and offered very little protection.

"We had rubber boots and cork hats but no gloves. A lot of a fireman's body was exposed to the flames," he said.

"The uniform has changed beyond recognition over the years and I'm in awe of the uniforms they have now which provide all the protection they could want." He said the hours were tough as firemen would often work for 24 hours and then have 24 hours off before returning for another full-day shift. "Over time we went from working 84 hours a week to 40 hours a week. But nobody ever complained about the work," he said. The



The huge fire at Himley Hall in 1947

fire station in Tower Street closed in 1999 when a new one opened in Burton Road.

Father-of-four Mr Johnson, who retired at 55, said he was pleased that the old station was going to be given a new lease of life as part of a new vocational centre for Dudley College. "They are keeping the front of the station so it will be there for a long time yet. I am glad it's being used, it's better than it standing empty," he said.

Rugby fan Mr Johnson, who has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, now lives at Dixons Green Court, a sheltered housing scheme on the site of the old Kates Hill Primary School.

Uncanny

It's just a stone's throw from where he grew up.

For the past three months, as part of a "good neighbour" scheme run by Age UK, Mr Johnson has been receiving weekly visits from fellow retired firefighter Ian Rawlings, 42, from Kingswinford.

Mr Rawlings joined the fire service just four years after Mr Johnson left and the pair enjoy swapping stories.

Mr Rawlings said: "It is uncanny that we have so much in common."

"We both share a love of rugby so we always have lots to talk about."

"I have some time on my hands and I really get a lot of enjoyment out of doing it."



Aged 18 in the Grenadier Guards

Business booming for micro-brewery

A MICRO-BREWERY which aims to keep traditions alive is seeing business boom. Black Country Ales, based at the Old Bulls Head, Lower Gornal, supplies beer to pubs across the West Midlands.

It has taken over The Whitley in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, which was empty for three years. Bosses are also in talks with the Wetherspoons chain to supply ale to its pubs in the region. The beer is brewed in a small outbuilding at the back of the Old Bull's Head. It is distributed by the firm's one driver.

The site was used from 1840 for about 150 years, until the business died out. But it was brought back to life by brewer Guy Perry seven years ago when he suggested to landlord Angus McMeeking that there was a market for real ale.

Since then business has been booming and plans are being drawn up to turn the brewery into a visitor centre.

Mr McMeeking said: "We have a really historic brewery so it seems a shame for it to be hidden away out the back."

"Real ale is having a major revival and people are interested in the way beer is brewed."

"It is still a relatively small scale operation but we are happy with the way business is going."

Mr McMeeking said there are "no firm timelines" for the work but he hoped to get started this year.

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The brewery produces three main ales - Bradley's Finest Golden (BFG), Pig on the Wall and Fireside Bitter.

About 13,000 pints are produced each week at the Old Bulls Head using the brewery's three fermenting vessels.

Celebrations of anchor's centenary

CENTENARY celebrations of the time when Dudley workers delivered a giant anchor to the world's most famous ship have begun at the Black Country Living Museum.

On May 1, it will be 100 years since the anchor was transported from Noah Hingley & Sons' works in Netherton to the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast to be fitted to the doomed Titanic.

Replica

A new exhibition to commemorate the historic journey has been unveiled at the museum in Tipton Road.

A full-size replica of the anchor has been on display there since October last year.

The anchor was pulled from Netherton to Dudley in 2010 when it retraced its original 1911 journey as part of a Channel 4 history series called Titanic: The Mission.

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RESIDENTS in Worcestershire, including Wyre Forest, will be given advice on how to turn their gardens into a haven for wildlife by experts at a beauty spot.

Worcestershire County Council's Wildlife Service has organised a gardening course to give people ideas and inspiration when working on their gardens over the summer months.

They will be shown the best methods of making their gardens suitable for wildlife which requires

only a small amount of time and space. The event will be held at the countryside centre at Worcester Woods Country Park, Wildwood Drive, Worcester on May 4 between 10am and 4pm. Admission is £25 which will include lunch and refreshments. To book call the Greenspace team on 01905 766155 or e-mail communitygreenspace@worcestershire.gov.uk. Greenspace officer for county council Lyn Yendell said: "This course is ideal for gardeners of all levels."

Vandalised doctors' homes sold in auction

Stepping out in memory of dad

TWO siblings from Dudley put their best foot forward to raise more than £400 in a charity mission in memory of their father.

Tom and Katie Hifcox raised £440 for the British Heart Foundation, after completing a six-mile round trip from their home, in Sledmore Road, to the Merry Hill shopping centre.

The duo's dad, David, who had high cholesterol, died from a heart attack, four years ago.

Since his death, 11-year-old Tom and 13-year-old Katie were both tested for the hereditary condition and the results confirmed Katie will also be required to take medication when she is older.

Their proud mum, Angela, said: "I think it is great my children decided to do something to remember their dad and it is so important to raise money for a charity like this especially knowing Katie will need medication for her cholesterol levels later in life."



Brother and sister Tom and Katie Hifcox from Sledmore Road, Dudley have raised £440 for the British Heart Foundation, by walking six miles, in memory of their father.

VANDAL-HIT doctors' houses left derelict for years have been sold at auction, raising nearly £1 million for a Black Country hospital trust.

The properties in Ashdown Drive, in Wordsley, were put under the hammer by bosses at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust on Thursday.

And all eight sold for higher than their guide prices, raking in £839,000 for the trust as they sold for between £95,000-£110,000 each, compared to original estimates of between £93,000-£98,000.

The houses were the target of vandals since medics moved out up to five years ago.

Accommodation

They were used by staff from Wordsley Hospital before it was closed in 2005.

They were part of a block of 19 homes in the road used by the NHS for staff accommodation. A further four homes were sold around Christmas.

Estate agents Lex Allan held the auction and sales director Stewart Allcock said the homes had been a magnet for metal thieves.

He said: "I can understand many people wanted to see them sold. They were made safe and secure before their sale."

Hospital trust chief executive Paula Clarke added: "The money raised will be invested in clinical services."

Skittles night raises £600

A CHARITY skittles night in Blackheath has raised more than £600 for charity. The event, at Blackheath Primary School, was held on April 1 to provide funding for Cancer Support, based at the White House in Dudley. The charity provides practical and emotional support to cancer sufferers.



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Enchanted evenings for theatre stalwart Carole

FOR more than 50 years musical theatre stalwart Carole Preston has been treading the boards in productions in the Black Country.

She has been a leading member of Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company for five decades and has appeared in dozens of shows.

But Mrs Preston's first role was not on stage but instead selling programmes to audience members when she was in her teens.

After being encouraged by a friend she made her debut performance in Showboat in 1960.

"I was a nervous teenager in the chorus," she said.

Favourite

"Since then I have been in every show but one. I missed one because I couldn't be at rehearsals."

"For that show I was a prompt – helping people to remember their lines when needed."

Over the years she has played roles from US Navy nurse Nellie Forbush in South Pacific to undertaker's wife Mrs Sowerberry in Oliver!

Mrs Preston, who lives in Lawnswood Avenue, Kingswinford, lists Nellie Forbush and the part of Mrs Mullins in Carousel, which she has played twice, as being among her favourite characters to bring to life.

"I enjoy performing and I enjoy rehearsing," she said.

"Playing these characters gives me the chance to become someone very different to me for a few hours. I also love music everything from pop to opera, it's a big part of my life."

Mother-of-three Mrs Preston, who has also appeared in numerous pantomimes and concerts, has also been an active committee member for many years taking on roles including general secretary and ticket secretary.

Now her commitment to amateur theatre has been recognised by the National Operatic and Dramatic

Carole Preston with her long service award

Association which has presented her with a long-service award.

"I am pleased, but to be rewarded for doing something that gives me such pleasure seems strange," said Mrs Preston, whose husband George has also been a member for many years.

Grandmother-of-four Mrs Preston said she was keen to encourage new members to join and take part in the company's next production Jesus Christ Superstar in October. Details at www.bhmtc.co.uk



Carole with George Preston – who is now her husband – back in 1978



As Mrs Higgins in My Fair Lady in 2004



Get ahead, get a hat. Carole, second right, performing in the musical Hello, Dolly!

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Shuttle bus move to help as car park goes

A NEW shuttle bus service could be laid on to ferry people into Stourbridge when a multi-storey car park is demolished as part of a £50 million redevelopment of the Crown Centre.

Hundreds of parking spaces in the town will be lost when the Bell Street site is demolished as part of the scheme to create new shops and a Tesco supermarket. Many workers and shoppers will have to use spaces outside the town centre in Birmingham Street. Dudley Council said it was considering operating a shuttle service.

Canteen hours cut will save £50,000 a year

CLOSING a Dudley hospital canteen for 11 hours every night will save £50,000 a year, bosses have revealed.

Russells Hall Hospital canteen currently opens 24 hours a day but will shut from 8pm to 7am, starting on May 30.

Patients, visitors and staff who want food and drink will have to use vending machines.

The move is part of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's plans to save £12million over the next financial year, and £30m by March 2014.

Some vending machines will have built-in microwave ovens which use a barcode system to calculate how long food needs to be cooked.

Three workers on night shifts in the canteen, which is run by the hospital's private partner Interserve, will be redeployed to daytime roles. Savings will come from reduced wages for staff – they are paid more for a night shift – and less stock being required.

Dudley councillor and hospital governor Steve Waltho said: "I'm concerned the hospital's personal service is suffering."

But trust chief executive Paula Clark said: "As the Trust operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we operate a number of different shift patterns. By introducing the vending machines we will ensure that staff working through the night will be able to access a wide range of hot and cold food, snacks and drinks."

It would transport people from the Birmingham Street car park on the opposite side of the ring road into the town centre.

A similar service funded by transport authority Centro has been operating while the town's new £7million bus station is being built and is now used by more than 400 passengers a day.

It was recently extended until July because it has proved so popular. The new station is due to be complete in early 2012. The present service is funded by Centro.

Cabinet member for transport on Dudley Council, Councillor Angus Adams, said the authority was now considering a service along the same lines when work starts on the Crown Centre.

Place

"In many ways it would be retention of the service which is presently in place. The idea would be to have the stops in the same place as they are for the shuttle service at the moment," he said.

"This would mean people using Birmingham Street to park their cars would only have to cross the road to get to the shuttle stops and could be transported into the town centre."

"Measures are being considered on what will happen when Bell Street closes and is demolished. It will mean hundreds of people who use that car park will be displaced. This would make it easier for people to park their cars in Birmingham Street and still have easy access into the town centre."

A date for Crown Centre work to start has not been finalised.

Fire crews clean up for charity



Watch commander Jim Hill with, back from left, crew commander Alan Baker, motorist Kim Grainger, and firefighters Sam Hooley, Sean Richards, and Nick Green

FIREFIGHTERS got into a lather to raise £300 for good causes at the first of two charity car washes.

Brierley Hill fire station's white watch invited residents to the station, in Dudley Road, on April 16 and 23 to get their cars cleaned. More than 80 cars turned up during the first three-hour event with proceeds split between The Firefighters' Charity and the Royal Marines Charitable Trust.

Crews are also taking part in a 17km endurance run in May.

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Picture perfect for artist Bill, aged 101



Bill Holden, aged 101, with members of his family



Bill captures the look of flowers



Wildlife is a frequent inspiration



One of Bill's watercolour paintings of some birds

AS HE celebrates his 101st birthday, former railway yard worker Bill Holden shows no sign of giving up his favourite pastime – watercolour painting.

Over the last year he has built up a portfolio of about 80 pieces and has impressed fellow residents at Comberton Nursing Home, Stourbridge, where he celebrated his birthday.

Family and friends were there for the event on April 15.

Bill, born and raised in New Street, Brierley Hill, travels around the Midlands with relatives – and photographs landscapes to paint.

He then spends hours producing images. Some works have come from books of UK landscapes including the Lake District and the Norfolk Broads.

Railway

He said: "I enjoy painting – it keeps me busy and I like looking at all the different wildlife."

"Some of the staff at the home suggested it to me about a year ago and it has gone from there."

He worked in the railway yard at Brierley Hills Round Oak Steel Works after leaving school at 14 until retiring at 68.

The seventh of eight children, he stayed in the town until 1988 when he moved to Wall Heath where he was until 2009 when he moved into the nursing home.

Although he never had any children and his wife died in 1982, he still has plenty of family and friends that visit him most weeks.

On his birthday he was joined by great-nephew Ben Robson, aged five, from Bristol along with Ben's grandmother, Colleen Green, of Wordsley.

Blue badge bays catch out drivers

DRIVERS are being caught out by new parking restrictions in Stourbridge High Street. Nine parking bays which are used as a taxi rank at night have been converted into disabled spaces.

But motorists without blue badges have continued to park there rather than in car parks.

Wardens are dishing out tickets – and 26 drivers have fallen foul of the new rules.

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Nine disabled bays have been put in at the top of Stourbridge High Street following requests for parking for blue badge holders."

"Parking for all vehicles is available in the rest of the town."

"The disabled bays are clearly signed with blue badge notices. But 26 penalty notices have been issued since their introduction on April 6."

Challenge

"Anyone wishing to challenge a notice can do so by following the instructions on the reverse of the notice."

The disabled bays are in operation from 7am to 7pm and the taxi rank for the remaining time.

Between February 2010 and January this year, 120 fixed penalties were issued to drivers in Market Street and another 195 in Stourbridge High Street.

Drivers were caught parking on double yellow lines or overstaying their time.

Plans to widen High Street pavements could see car parking spaces reduced.

Centre sets its fundraisers a 24-hour blind challenge



Manager Matt Ward with marketing officer Kate Fletcher at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, where they will be offering a blind experience challenge

FUNDRAISERS can try a challenge with a difference by living under a blindfold for 24 hours in aid of the Black Country's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

It will be sponsored by Dudley Building Society and hosted by the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill which will provide accommodation and meals.

The 24-hour Blindfold Experience will also include a shopping trip to the Merry Hill Centre. The challenge will take place on July 15 and 16.

Beacon Centre's marketing and development officer Kate Fletcher said: "We are hoping that this experience will make our volunteers think more deeply about visual impairment and the different way in which everyday tasks have to be approached."

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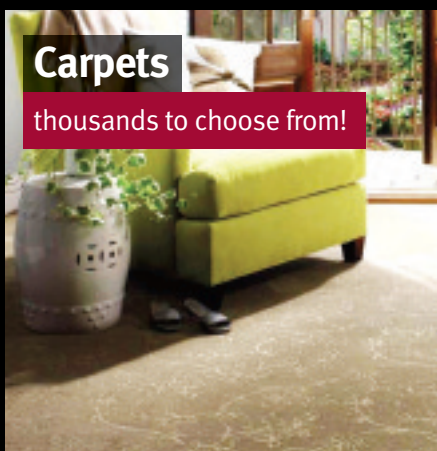
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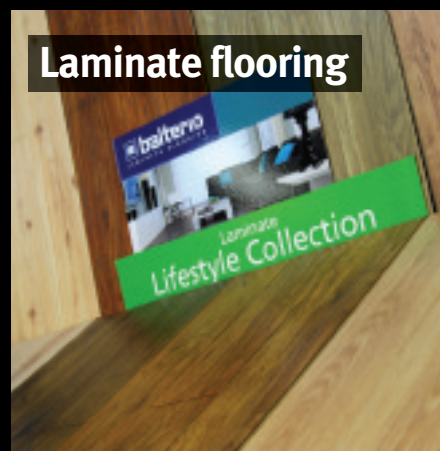
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Managing director Laila Aziz said they had purchased the building next to the head office, and that would be integrated into the operation this year.

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ABOVE LEFT: Prince William and Kate Middleton wave as they pass St Salvator's halls, during a visit to St Andrew's University and (above) Kate at her graduation



LEFT: Prince William with Kate Middleton at RAF Cranwell in 2008 when William received his Royal Air Force wings from Prince Charles

How love grew . . .

CATHERINE Elizabeth "Kate" Middleton grew up in Berkshire and, after attending Marlborough College, went to the University of St Andrews, where she met Prince William, also studying there, in 2001.

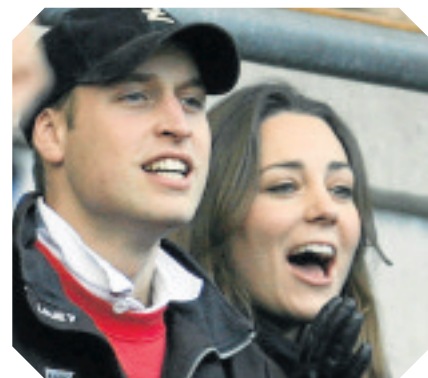
And it was at that university that the two first met and got to know each other. Kate Middleton was one of Prince William's flat-mates and they began dating in 2003.

Once the relationship became known they attracted massive media attention, triggering complaints by Kate that the media were harassing her.

In April 2007, the press reported that William and Kate had split up. They continued to be friends, and later in 2007 they reunited.

Since then, she has attended many high-profile royal events. She has been admired for her fashion sense and has been placed on numerous "best-dressed" lists.

Since her relationship with Prince William began, Kate has received widespread media attention and there was much speculation that they would eventually marry.



ALWAYS TIME FOR FRIENDS - AND FUN

ABOVE: Leaving the wedding of their friends Harry Mead and Rosie Bradford in the village of North-leach, Gloucestershire

LEFT: Prince William and Kate Middleton are jubilant as England's Jason Robinson scores the first try during their Six Nations international rugby union match against Italy at Twickenham in 2007

Ring

On November 16, 2010, the office of the Prince of Wales at Clarence House announced their engagement. Prince William revealed that he had proposed to his girlfriend using the engagement ring that belonged to his mother.

The date and location of the wedding were announced one week later.

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- ♥ 10.10am: The bridegroom and best man, Prince Harry, leave Clarence House for Westminster Abbey. They arrive at the Abbey at 10.15am
- ♥ 10.20am: Members of foreign Royal Families arrive at Westminster Abbey from Buckingham Palace
- ♥ 10.20am: Carole Middleton and son James leave the Goring Hotel for Westminster Abbey. They arrive at 10.27am
- ♥ 10.25am: Members of the Royal Family (except those listed below) leave Buckingham Palace for Westminster Abbey. They arrive at 10.30am
- ♥ 10.35am: The following members of the Royal Family leave Buckingham Palace for Westminster Abbey - The Duke of York, Princess Beatrice of York, Princess Eugenie of York, The Earl and Countess of Wessex, The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Timothy Laurence
- ♥ 10.38am: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall leave Clarence House for Westminster Abbey. They arrive at 10.42am
- ♥ 10.40am: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh leave Buckingham Palace for Westminster Abbey. They arrive at the Abbey at 10.45am.
- ♥ 10.48am: The bridesmaids and pages leave the Goring Hotel for Westminster Abbey. They arrive at the Abbey at 10.55am
- ♥ 10.51am: Kate Middleton, accompanied by her father, Michael, leaves the Goring Hotel for Westminster Abbey
- ♥ 11am: The marriage service begins. The service will be relayed by audio speakers along the route
- ♥ 12.15pm: The carriage procession of the bride and bridegroom with a captain's escort of the Household Cavalry, followed by The Queen's Procession with a sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, leaves Westminster Abbey for Buckingham Palace
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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The concluding session of the first semi-final. 4.30 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 5.25 Don't Scare the Hare. Game show, hosted by Jason Bradbury.

6.00 Doctor Who. Part two of two. The Doctor launches a revolution against the invading aliens.

6.45 So You Think You Can Dance. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again as couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes.

8.00 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.50 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the lowest votes perform again.

9.20 Casualty. Polly's life hangs in the balance.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day: National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show; Weatherview.

1.10 Sign Zone: The Royal Wedding. (R) 2.40 Giles & Sue's Royal Wedding. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Coast. (R) 12.15 Film: Citizen Kane. (1941) Oscar-winning drama, starring Orson Welles. 2.15 Film: The Magnificent Ambersons. (1942) Period drama, with Joseph Cotten. 3.45 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The fourth and final session of the first semi-final. 5.30 Flog It! (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring appears in court. (R) 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the second semi-final reaches a conclusion at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the fourth and final session takes place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

9.30 Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You. Satirical quiz. (R) 10.15 Fast Skinner's Opinionated. Alan Davies and Katy Brand join the presenter in Maidstone. Last in the series. (R) 10.45 Nurse Jackie. The nurse finds herself at odds with her family. Last in the series.

11.15 Later with Jools Holland. With PJ Harvey, Lykke Li and the Unthanks. (R)

12.15 Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) Drama, with Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. 1.55 Film: Anna M. (2007) Premiere. Drama, with Isabelle Carré. 3.35 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 12.10 This Morning: Saturday. 1.10 ITV News; Weather. 1.15 Monk. 2.15 You've Been Framed! Funniest 100. (R) 3.15 Film: Live and Let Die. (1973) 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New People Do the Funniest Things. New series. A selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including unusual world records, wedding disasters and an underwater dinner party.

7.00 Sing if You Can. Mikey Graham, Lisa Maxwell and Rodney Marsh take on Ray Kinney, Darren Gough and Camilla Kerslake in the celebrity singing challenge.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host another round of auditions, as judges Amanda Holden, Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff continue their search for the nation's most impressive performers. (R) 9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Ann Widdecombe. The former MP discusses her career and personal life.

10.00 ITV News; Weather. 10.15 Film: Dirty Harry. (1971) Police thriller, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 Swingtona. (R) 3.00 ITV Newsnight. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British Formula 3 International Series. 7.30 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Friends. (R) 9.25 T4: Koko Pop. 10.00 T4: Friends. (R) 10.30 T4: Glee. 11.30 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.30 Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 River Cottage Best Bites. A collection of recipes for autumn and winter. (R)

8.00 Kate and William: Romance and the Royals. David Starkey puts the royal wedding in historical context. (R) 9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 Stand Up for the Week. 11.05 FILM: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery. (1997) Spoof spy adventure, starring Mike Myers.

1.00 Film: Secretary. (2002) Comedy drama, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal. 2.50 Shapes. (R) 2.55 Home Country. (R) 3.00 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind. (R) 3.05 Hello Boys. (R) 4.00 Running in Heels. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. 10.10 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.10 Ice Road Trainers. (R) 12.05 Film: King of Kings. (1961) Biblical epic, starring Jeffrey Hunter. 3.10 Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, with Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd.

7.15 5 News Weekend. 7.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer proves reluctant to confess. (R)

8.15 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. An apparent Mob assassination leaves five people dead, and a deaf man is killed in what initially seems to have been a car accident – until evidence of foul play comes to light. (R)

9.10 CSI: Miami. Two suspicious deaths occur on the same day, but initially seem unconnected – until Horatio discovers that recently exposed both victims as paedophiles. (R)

10.10 CSI: NY. A popular schoolgirl is murdered. 11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.15 Film: The Polar Express (2004) 5.10 Film: Robots (2005) 7.00 Homes from Hell 8.00 My Child Won't Eat 9.00 Britain's Got More Talent 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.45 Film: The Whole Ten Yards (2004)

ITV3
2.30 Wallis and Edward 4.20 Downton Abbey 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.15 A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Delhi DareDevils and Kolkata Knight Riders v Kings XI Punjab. 8.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 9.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 10.00 Ultimate Force 11.35 Film: Queen of the Damned (2002)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who Confidential 7.45 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze 7.50 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) 11.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.45 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home 9.00 Spiral 10.50 Top of the Pops: 1976 11.20 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – The True Story
E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 4.55 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: 30 Days of Night (2007)

FILM4
3.25 Zulu (1964) 6.10 The Abyss (1989) 8.55 4 Films For 9.00 Slumdog Millionaire (2008) Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel, Freida Pinto and Anil Kapoor. 11.20 Alien (1979) Sci-Fi horror, starring Sigourney Weaver.

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TIME TEAM

Channel 4, 5.30pm

Tony Robinson and John Gater chart the rise and development of geophysics technology since the archaeology programme's first dig in 1994. The presenters reflect on some of the most memorable discoveries made using geophysics, before Tony decides to test how precise the technology has become by challenging John to identify 10 objects buried in a field.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.25** Regional Programme. **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Land Girls. Connie discovers more about the piano player. (R) **7.00** Countryfile. Julia Bradbury, Matt Baker and Katie Knappman visit Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire to learn more about the importance of spring in the west of England.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. More valuables are inspected at Winchester Cathedral.

9.00 Exile. New series. Psychological thriller, starring John Simm.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Arsenal v Manchester United.

11.45 The Sky at Night. A gigantic storm in Saturn's atmosphere.

12.05 Film: Wah-Wah. (2006) Coming-of-age drama, with Nicholas Hoult and Miranda Richardson; Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **4.15** One Man and His Campervan. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef: The Final Three. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Portuguese Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

6.00 Davis v Taylor: The '85 Black Ball Final. Colin Murray presents a look back at the final of the 1985 World Snooker Championship between Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring the second session of the final and a scheduled nine frames. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 FILM: Shine. (1996) Biopic of David Helfgott, the talented but fragile Australian pianist overwhelmed by the pressure of his father's obsession with success. With Geoffrey Rush and Armin Mueller-Stahl.

12.40 Film: Resting Place. (1996) Racial tension in a Deep South town disrupts the burial of a black soldier, while an officer becomes suspicious about how he died. Drama, starring John Lithgow and Morgan Freeman. **2.15** BBC News. **4.45** The Super League Show. Action from the latest Super League fixtures.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Murder by the Book. (1971) **3.10** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.10** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007).

6.00 Regional Programmes.

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Cube. A dance teacher and a skateboarding coach take up the challenge.

7.30 Coronation Street. Steve and Tracy take Amy to Blackpool for the day.

8.00 Vera. New series. Brenda Blethyn stars in the first of four murder mysteries as DCI Vera Stanhope, who tracks down killers with the help of sidekick DS Joe Ashworth (David Leon).

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Andrew Lloyd Webber - A Passion for the Pre-Raphaelites. The composer discusses his love for the 19th-century artists.

11.15 Surgery School. Ten doctors take part in a surgical training course. (R)

12.15 Dating the Enemy. (R) **12.40** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.25** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **12.00** T4: Glee. (R) **1.00** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Jamie at Home. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. Discussing people's right to have a church wedding.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. A male make-up enthusiast competes against a houseproud woman, a rock 'n' roll musician and a dog-sitter, as the dinner-party challenge heads to south-east Essex.

8.00 The Hotel. The Damson Dene deals with an influx of families.

9.00 FILM: The Bank Job. (2008) Premiere. A bank robber ends up stealing top secret files the government and security services want buried. Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jason Statham.

11.10 FILM: The Football Factory. (2004) Drama, starring Danny Dyer.

1.00 Film: Dresden. (2006) German Second World War drama, with Felicitas Woll. **3.40** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.35** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.45** Animal Families. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.25** Muppet Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** K-9. **10.35** OK! TV Sunday. **11.00** Extraordinary Dogs. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.05** Film: Lawrence of Arabia. (1962) Oscar-winning epic drama, starring Peter O'Toole. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15** Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. (1974) Fantasy adventure, starring John Phillip Law.

7.20 FILM: Godzilla. (1998) Hollywood remake of the Japanese monster adventure, with Matthew Broderick and Jean Reno.

10.00 The Walking Dead. Rick discovers Merle is not where he left him.

11.05 FILM: Misery. (1990) Oscar-winning thriller, starring James Caan.

1.10 SuperCasino. **3.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

3.00 American Idol **5.30** Britain's Got Talent **6.30** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Gladiator (2000)

ITV3

2.10 Film: Carry On Camping (1969) **4.00** Film: Carry On Henry (1971) **5.55** Downton Abbey **8.00** All the Queen's Horses with Alan Titchmarsh **9.00** Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) **11.20** Film: Amazing Grace (2006)

ITV4

11.00 British Touring Car Championship. The third round of the season from the Thruxton Circuit in Hampshire. **6.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi DareDevils v Kochi Tuskers Kerala. **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Mercury Rising (1998) **11.15** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who **7.50** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

BBC FOUR

7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - The True Story **9.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **10.30** The Story of Light Entertainment

E4

3.55 Film: Rat Race (2001) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica

FILM4

3.10 The Iron Giant (1999) **4.50** Rooster Cogburn (1975) **6.55** The Madness of King George (1995) **9.00** Big Trouble in Little China (1986) **10.55** Near Dark (1987)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast, 9.00 Animal 24/7, 9.30 6.45 Homes Under the Hammer, 10.45 Don't Get Done, Get Dom, 11.30 Cash in the Attic, 12.30 Bargain Hunt, 1.15 BBC News, 1.30 Regional News, Weather, 1.40 Escape to the Country, (R) 2.40 Film: Antz (1998) 4.00 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers, (R) 4.30 Film: National Treasure, (2004) Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, 6.30 BBC News, 6.45 Regional News Programmes, Weather, 6.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, (R) 7.00 The One Show, 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory, 8.00 EastEnders, 8.30 QI, 9.00 Exile, 10.00 BBC News, 10.10 Regional News, Weather, 10.15 Party Election Broadcast, 10.20 A Question of Sport, 10.50 Late Kick Off, 11.20 The Graham Norton Show, (R) Weatherview, 12.15 Sign Zone, MasterChef, (R) 1.15 Rock & Chips, (R) 2.15 Arctic with Bruce Parry, (R) 3.15 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Daily Politics, 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah, 1.00 Animal Park, (R) 2.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship, The third and penultimate session of the final, 5.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship, The concluding session of the final from Sheffield, 11.00 Party Election Broadcast, (R) 11.05 Film: The Boys from Brazil, (1978) 1.05 BBC News, 3.15 Close, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The 11.30 6.0 Minute Makeover, (R) 7.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News, Weather, 1.55 Regional News, Weather, 2.00 Inspector Morse, (R) 4.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show, 5.00 Britain's Best Dish, 6.00 Regional News, Weather, 6.10 Party Election Broadcast, 6.15 ITV News, Weather, 6.25 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, (R) 6.30 You've Been Framed, (R) 7.00 Emmerdale, 7.30 Coronation Street, 8.00 The Dales, 8.30 Coronation Street, 9.00 Case Sensitive, 10.00 ITV News at Ten, Weather, 10.15 Film: Basic Instinct, (1992) Thriller starring Sharon Stone and Michael Douglas, 12.30 The Zone, ITV News Headlines, 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly, 3.00 ITV Nightscreen, 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show, (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs, (R) 6.35 Freshly Squeezed, 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.00 Frasier, (R) 8.35 Friends, (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA, (R) 10.00 Relocation, Relocation, (R) 11.00 A Place by the Sea, 12.05 Make Do & Mend, 12.35 River Cottage Bites, (R) 12.50 Film: Return of the Magnificent Seven, (1966) Western sequel, starring Yul Brynner, 2.40 Sinking Mad with Eric Larnard, 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Come Dine with Me, (R) 6.00 The Simpsons, (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks, 7.00 Channel 4 News, 7.05 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 7.10 The Unofficial - Royal Wedding, 8.00 Dambusters: Building the Bouncing Bomb, 10.00 Film: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory, (1995) Action adventure sequel, starring Steven Seagal, 11.55 4thought.tv, 12.00 The Event, 12.55 Poker, 2.00 The SS, (R) 2.55 Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World, (R) 3.50 Warlords, (R) 4.45 Code County, (R) 5.25 Hill Street Blues, (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff, 11.05 CSI: NY, (R) 12.05 CSI: NY, (R) 12.55 CSI: NY, (R) 1.25 5 News Lunchtime, 1.30 Home and Away, 2.00 Neighbours, 2.30 Film: Ice Station Zebra, (1968) Action adventure, starring Rock Hudson, 3.15 5 News at 5, Weather, 3.30 Neighbours, (R) 6.00 Home and Away, (R) 6.30 Extraordinary Dogs, (R) 6.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 7.00 Police Interceptors, (R) 8.00 The Gadget Show, 5 News at 9, 9.30 The Hotel Inspector, 10.00 Film: The Sweetest Thing, (2002) 11.45 Film: National Lampoon's Barely Legal, (2003) Comedy, starring Tony Danza, 1.30 SuperCasino, 4.00 Meats in Moments, (R) 4.10 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour, (R) 4.55 Animal Rescue Squad, (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS, (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Daily Politics, 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah, 12.55 Diagnosis Murder, (R) 1.40 Restoration Roadshow, (R) 2.10 To Buy or Not to Buy, (R) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.40 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.25 Pointless, (R) 5.10 Cash in the Celebrity Attic, 5.55 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the Yes Campaign, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Coast, (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing, 9.00 The Quire, Remarkable, (R) 9.50 Coleman, 10.00 Later Live, with Jools Holland, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 Party Election Broadcast, (R) 11.25 The Secrets of Scott's Hut, (R) 12.55 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs, (R) 6.40 The Hoobs, (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed, 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 7.55 Frasier, (R) 8.25 Friends, (R) 9.00 Relocation, Relocation, (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea, 12.05 News, 12.05 Make Do & Mend, 12.35 The TV Book Club, (R) 1.05 Jamie at Home, (R) 1.35 Film: The Bounty Hunter, (1954) 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Come Dine with Me, (R) 6.00 The Simpsons, (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks, 7.00 News, 7.50 Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign, 7.55 4thought.tv, 8.00 Superize vs Superskinny, 9.00 The Secret Millionaire, 10.00 Campuss, 11.05 Misfits, 12.05 UK & Ireland Poker Tour, 1.05 Freepress, on 4, (R) 1.30 The Girl on the Train, British Formula 3 International Series, (R) 2.25 KOTV Boxing Weekly, 2.50 ITV Triathlon, (R) 3.45 FIVB Beach Volleyball, (R) 4.35 Rat Race Urban Adventure, (R) 5.05 Full Metal Challenge, (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 Daily Politics, 1.00 See Hear, (R) 2.10 To Buy or Not to Buy, (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.30 Pointless, (R) 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Coast, (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing, 9.00 The Quire, Remarkable, (R) 9.50 Coleman, 10.00 Later Live, with Jools Holland, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 Party Election Broadcast, (R) 11.25 BBC News, 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBeebies, 11.35 The Pink Panther Show, (R) 12.00 Daily Politics, 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah, 1.00 Diagnosis Murder, (R) 1.45 Nature's Top 40, (R) 2.15 To Buy or Not to Buy, (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Helicopter Heroes, (R) 4.30 Pointless, (R) 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Great British Menu, 7.00 Coast, (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing, 9.00 The Quire, Remarkable, (R) 9.50 Coleman, 10.00 Later Live, with Jools Holland, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 Children's Craniofacial Surgery, (R) 12.20 News, 4.00 Learning Zone.

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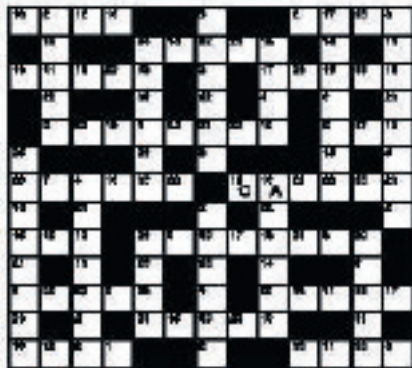
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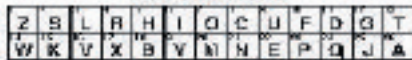
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Cryptic clues:

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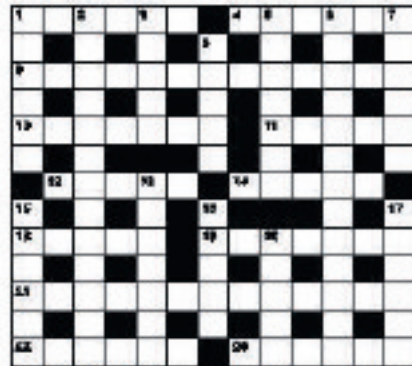
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



Circlegram

Put the letters in the circles so that the letters in the circles can be arranged in four words each, one in each direction. The first letter of each word is in the circle.



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The circuit is famous for being one of the fastest and most challenging tracks, testing even the best driver's skills to the limit.

After victory in front of his home fans in 2008, Lewis Hamilton will be looking to emulate this success again, whilst Jenson Button would love to win at Silverstone and join the list of elite British drivers to win in front of a home crowd, including Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill and David Coulthard.

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Taylor's estate agent is marketing the sale of this impressive four-bedroomed home located in the idyllic Trysull village

A DECEPTIVE and substantial detached cottage is now available in Trysull village which has been substantially extended, updated and improved throughout, including a large impressive conservatory.

The house known as 'Jacol' on Bell Road has a delightful rear aspect which overlooks a paddock/field and is on the market with Taylor's estate agent for offers in the region of £407,500.

The impressive four-bedroomed house has undergone a comprehensive improve-

ment programme in recent years and the accommodation is spread across three levels.

The agent advises personal inspection of the individual home with a "delightful location" together with a "beautifully appointed and spacious layout."

Formal

The ground floor accommodation comprises an entrance porch, formal dining room, sitting room, second bedroom with en suite, refitted kitchen, conservatory, utility/laundry room, WC and office/boiler room.

Stairs approached from the formal dining

room, lead to the L-shaped first floor landing with doors opening to three further bedrooms, one of which has an en suite.

The main bathroom includes a white suite with chrome fittings, a roll top bath, pedestal wash basin and WC.

Outside, the house is positioned behind a broad driveway with off-road parking approach to the double garage which measures 17ft x 16ft 10in. The rear garden comprises a paved patio area with light point, steps to a decking area and well-maintained lawns surrounded by borders.

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£600 PCM



ROWLEY REGIS, ALWIN ROAD

An Unfurnished detached house within a cul-de-sac location, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Driveway Parking

£595 PCM



HALESOWEN, THE INFELD

A lovely furnished or part furnished top floor apartment on a new estate, briefly comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen with White Goods, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, House Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking and Visitor Parking Space

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An unfurnished modern house, Close to shops and local transportation, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Living Room, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Front & Rear Gardens, Allocated Parking Spaces

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WEST BROMWICH, WESTLEY COURT

An unfurnished first floor flat, briefly comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Bathroom with Shower, Parking Space

£525 PCM



HALESOWEN, CAVALIER DRIVE

An unfurnished third floor apartment, in a popular area, briefly comprising of: Living Room, Fitted Kitchen with White Goods, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking Space

£495 PCM



HALESOWEN, ROUNDHILLS TERRACE

A lovely unfurnished mid terraced house, briefly comprising of: Fitted Dining Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Lounge, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, On Road Parking, Gardens

£495 PCM



NETHERTON, ROUND STREET

An unfurnished semi detached house, on a popular road, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Lounge, Brand New Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Brand New Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Driveway.

£475 PCM



NETHERTON, ROUND STREET

An unfurnished semi detached house, in a popular area, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Living Room, Fitted kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Driveway Parking

£475 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, WYCHERLEY WAY

A part furnished to suit first floor apartment, on a popular development, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Parking Space.

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HALESOWEN, HAGLEY COURT, HAGLEY ROAD

A beautiful Part furnished ground floor apartment, close to Halesowen town centre, briefly comprises of: Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Spacious Lounge, Communal Gardens and Allocated Parking Space

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ROWLEY REGIS, TERRACE STREET

An unfurnished first floor flat offers lovely views, and close to shops, briefly comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Parking, Gas Central Heating

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OLDBURY, CAUSEWAY GREEN ROAD

An unfurnished flat above shops, briefly comprising of: Electric Storage Heating, Spacious Living Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Parking at Rear

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HALESOWEN, WHITEHALL COURT

An unfurnished ground floor apartment in a sought after location, comprising of: One Double Bedroom, Large Living Room, Gas Central Heating Double Glazing, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Communal Gardens and Carport to the Rear.

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BRIARLEY HILL, NORWOOD ROAD

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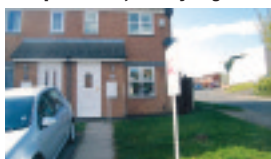
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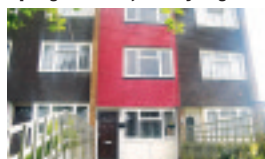
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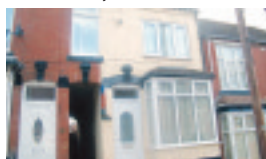
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New city car ticks all the boxes

IN THE PAST, if you wanted an affordable runabout you had to compromise; refinement, cabin quality, performance and equipment levels were never great.

Recently things have started to change for the better. Factor in buyers downsizing and it's good to see manufacturers upping their game.

Some have responded more quickly than others, with Korean firm Kia surprising industry observers with its new Picanto.

The outgoing car has been a huge success, but it remains a genuine budget car – there's a big step from this to Kia's family hatch C'eed, for instance.

Not anymore, as the company has delivered a new Picanto boasting greater levels of refinement, a more dynamic on-road performance, improved cabin and boot space, family car levels of safety kit and economy, and emissions low enough to rival anything with a Bluetonium badge.

Essentially this latest generation Picanto is a mature and sophisticated interpretation

By Iain Dooley

of the classic city car. It's still small enough to drive around town and slot into those impossibly small parking spaces, but now it has the ride and handling qualities of something much bigger.

The same is true of the car's cabin, which is now more accommodating – thanks to a fractionally longer wheelbase – and furnished with noticeably higher grade materials. It's also a more stylish environment, which does much to distance the Picanto from the unadventurous stereotype of Korean cars of old.

Confidence

Style-wise this Picanto could never be described as unadventurous. Clearly influenced by Kia's Sportage SUV, the Picanto's bold looks demonstrate the new-found confidence of the firm's design team.

There will be no mistaking this car's fuss-free sheetmetal and bold nose treatment for anything else in the supermarket car park. Getting younger buyers into the Picanto is priority right now, and Kia executives make no excuses for the car's striking appearance.

At the Picanto's core is a duo of small capacity petrol engines and impressive headline economy and emissions figures.

UK buyers will get a choice of 1.0-litre and 1.2-litre units with a five-speed manual gearbox and the option of a four-speed auto.

In standard trim the three-cylinder 1.0 motor emits just 99g/km CO₂, with the bigger engine emitting 105g/km. Power output is 69 and 85 horsepower respectively, while economy for the 1.0-litre lump is 67.2mpg and 62.7mpg for the 1.2.

The inclusion of stop-start technology knocks four points off the three-pot engine's rating, and although impressive don't expect to see the technology on all the cars.

The Picanto already breaks the magic 100g/km figure, and the cost of the stop-start kit could be used to offer a different alloy wheel choice or other similarly priced creature comforts.

In practice the 1.0-litre Picanto will surprise many with its ability to keep pace with traffic, hold its own at motorway speeds and tackle corners with the maturity of something produced closer to home.

Kia's little city car is now all grown up, and its overall performance is easily a match for anything in the same class from Europe.

What's most impressive is that three-cylinder motor. A willing performer that never becomes raucous even when pushed hard, its flexible nature ensures smooth progress at urban speeds and there's always enough in reserve for the occasional traffic light grand prix and out-

of-town adventure. The 1.2-litre car offers a little more power and might be suited to anyone who regularly ventures outside the city limits. In practice the performance gain is a small one and, besides, the plucky three-cylinder motor sounds nicer.

For many the ownership experience will be just as important, and with Kia offering three trim levels it's unlikely that you'll be short of choice.

Aside from the usual suspects – power steering, remote locking, anti-lock brakes – depending on the trim level, you can expect to see the likes of

electric windows and mirrors, air-con, alloy wheels and an audio unit including MP3 player connectivity.

Kia's now famous, and generous, warranty is another plus that shouldn't be forgotten, and there's the Picanto's seven – yes, seven – airbags. For a small car Kia's Picanto makes a big impression.



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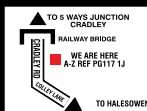
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
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BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 384852 


BLONDE blue eyed female, no ties, OHAC, wanting open minded, easygoing man for fun and laughs. Any looks/status. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363275 


I'M a 29yr old blonde who enjoys cosy nights in seeking a fun older male who thinks he can handle me. ACA. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361959 

31YR old curvy lady looking for open-minded older male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362945 

BLACK female, medium build, mother of two, WLTW lively gent, 34-40, N/S with GSOH for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 148702

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339373 


CATS DIY, gardening, friendly, educated geek required by ex teacher and soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage. Shropshire. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363957 


OUTGOING sociable young female, 33, average looks, likes pubs, clubs, bowling, cinema, seeks gent, 33-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362769 

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FEMALE likes meals out, cinema, nights in, seeks male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361871 


WENDY dark hair/eyes, medium build, seeks male for friendship and see what happens. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361589 

LADY 70's, seeks gent of similar age for friendship, days out and holidays. Dudley area. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361043 


BUBBLY female, 42, young at heart, honest, caring, likes outdoors, cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks likeminded male/soul mate, 40-50. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357919 


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SHROPSHIRE lady 48, slim, attractive, N/S, seeks attractive male, 5ft 10ins plus for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359491 

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes night out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319 

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359351 

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
SHROPSHIRE lady, 61, likes countryside, sea, travel, cooking, sewing, lived on farm, seeks special genuine gent for nice match. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334241 


CARING and honest lady 61, 5ft 2ins, WLTW very caring and honest gentleman. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357985 


KIND romantic, loving lady, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357751 

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, trendy, OHAC, seeks special guy. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 180587 


FEMALE 51, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks soul mate who is genuine and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356761 

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, 55, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoy the good things in life. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356411 

DO you know what women want? 40yr old petite lady needs spoiling and lots of love by attractive male, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327573 

SHROPSHIRE female 40, seeks special local male to share life with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355959 

LINDA 70's, likes theatre, dancing, seeks nice gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355891 

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327579 

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313115 

SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341491 

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351399 

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-36 to enjoy romantic nights. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317945 

KIND romantic, loving lady, 43, slight disability, seeks genuine, caring male for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354533 

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GENUINE caring widow, 64, attractive, likes reading, holidays, meals out, seeks genuine N/S male, 60-68. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378566 

BOSSY lady, 44, dark hair, fit, slim, good looking, seeks male, 40-50 who will do as he is told. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 326119 


32YR old female, brunette, N/S, likes walks, concerts, theatre, seeks male, 29-35 for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 309995 


ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, likes meals out, holidays, WLTW gent, 70-80 for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330451 

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CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377432 


ATTRACTIVE nurse, 48, 5ft 6ins, cinema, walks, country, WLTW attractive male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341479 


SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351813 


ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349651 


FEMALE kind, giving, thoughtful, sensitive, seeks lifetime friend to love and understand me for who I am. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350397 

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easy-going and N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349265 

FUN loving, attractive 65yr old widow seeks socialising, meals out/dancing WLTW a male with a GSOH. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 135005 


LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346713 


GENUINE caring, mid 60's female, many interests, GSOH, seeks kind, genuine, loyal male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327465 


28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380918 


ATTRACTIVE slim female, 64, divorced, truthful, 5ft 3ins, modern, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 57-67. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338315 

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 50-61 with GSOH and similar likes. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334627 

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BLACK female, 38, seeks male, 30-50, adventurous, fun loving, daring and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327355 

FEMININE pre op TS, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351195 

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ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, likes meals out, holidays, WLTW gent, 70-80 for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330451 

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32YR old female, brunette, N/S, likes walks, concerts, theatre, seeks male, 29-35 for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 309995 

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339799 

FEMALE 52, 5ft 2ins, divorced, likes walking, dancing, cinema, meals out, seeks genuine, N/S male, 50-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 175714 

WEST Bromwich female, late 50's, mod, romantic, easygoing, seeks active, genuine male, 45-60 for LTR. Driver preferred. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336759 

FEMALE likes socialising, nights out

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Dudley celebrate in front of their happy fans. Back, from left, guest Byron Bekker, Richard Franklin, Ashley Morris, Luke Chessell and team boss Will Pottinger. Front, from left, Darryl Ritchings, Adam Roynon and Tom Perry.



Heathens take title

DUDLEY have secured the Heathens' first national speedway title in 16 years.

They claimed the National Shield by beating last year's treble winners Buxton 46-44 on their own circuit on Sunday afternoon and by 18 points on aggregate.

Although Dudley took a trophy for finishing top of the National League in their comeback campaign last season, the championship was decided by a play-off system. And you have to go back to 1995 and the Premier League Fours for the last time the Heathens were on the top step of the rostrum.

Cushioned by their 16-point lead from the home leg Dudley, again in front of a good turnout of travelling fans, kept things tight throughout. Adam Roynon was unbeaten but received plenty of support with all seven riders paid for at least one win.

LUCKLESS YELTZ ARE HIT FOR SIX

Halesowen Town 0 Hednesford Town 6

MARVELLOUS Marvin Robinson bagged a Hednesford hat-trick as the Zamaretto Premier runners-up geared up for the play-offs with a six-goal destruction of Halesowen.

The visitors were quickly on the front foot with home goalkeeper Simon Flower under pressure.

He grabbed Alex Melbourne's second-minute cross and Mark Smith made a vital headed clearance for the hosts in the ninth minute.

Deadlock for pair stuck at bottom

Tiverton 0

Halesowen Town 0
THE CLASH of the two basement teams ended in a predictable deadlock and confirmed Halesowen will finish bottom of the Zamaretto Premier Division with Tiverton also condemned to relegation.

Halesowen's best chance of a dull first half on Saturday saw home goalkeeper Ryan Draper palm the ball away after Felix Kyremeh crossed from the right in the 23rd minute.

Seconds before the break, home striker Jules Emati-Emati hit his shot over from three yards.

Halesowen created several late chances to snatch the game.

Block

Kevin Moncheu broke free after 75 minutes but fired straight at keeper Draper.

Gareth Davies exchanged passes with Moncheu but Draper made a last-ditch block. Tiverton finally went close when Ryan Leonard's 82nd minute free-kick flew through a crowded goalmouth but rebounded off the far post with Flower beaten.

In the game's final flurry, home goalkeeper Draper made a splendid save to deny Davies and substitute Emmanuel Ibadon blasted the rebound wide in the third minute of injury time.

Striking

But Chris Clements made it 3-0 to the visitors in the 61st minute after exchanging passes with Robinson before striking a low drive past Flower's despairing dive from the edge of the area.

Robinson completed his hat-trick by stroking home a 73rd-minute penalty after Alex Roope brought down substitute Kyle Patterson.

To add to Halesowen's woes, manager Shaun Cunningham was dismissed from the dugout in the 75th minute following an altercation with the referee.

The Pitmen plundered a fifth goal when Patterson's cross was turned into his own net by Smith eight minutes from time.

And Halesowen were finally put out of their season-long misery by a sixth Hednesford goal when substitute Nick Wellecome was put clean through and calmly slotted past Flower in the second minute of injury time.



Striker Marvin Robinson scores for Hednesford with an overhead kick. Pictures: Colin Rogers



Marvin Robinson heads home the opening goal on a dismal day for the Yeltz

Best yet as Hawks take fine victory

Girls League

Halas Hawks 3 Withymoor 0

HALAS HAWKS under-10s produced their best performance of the season to beat the ever improving Withymoor Colts Girls.

Early pressure from the Halas girls resulted in the Withymoor keeper spilling the ball; Hannah Fellows reacted quickly, rounded the keeper and slotted her shot into the bottom corner.

Two good saves from stand-in keeper Kelly Nicklin saw Halas one up at the break.

The second half saw Hannah Fellows get a good goal from close range before Kirsty Hampton tucked away the third from a corner.

Halas now hope to take runners-up spot in a league where most of the other teams are up to 12 months older.

Halas Hawks 0

Sedgley White Lions 3

In the first game of this under-12s double header Halas more than matched their title chasing opponents, Sedgley, creating numerous chances. But they could not convert and late goals gave the visitors the points.

Sedgley White Lions 0

Halas Hawks 5

The second match of the double header began in the same pattern as the first with Halas creating numerous chances but having only a Bethan Bryan strike to show for their endeavours in the first half.

Defensively, Halas marshalled the Sedgley attack much better and the second period saw Amy Plimmer score twice. Bryan got another and Sophie Miller scored her first goal for the club.

Boys League

Rio Saints Juniors 5

Halas Hawks West 6

Halas took a step closer to getting out of the bottom two, winning an 11-goal thriller.

A topsy-turvy game saw Halas recover from a goal down to lead 3-1 at half-time. The second half saw Halas extend their lead before Rio scored three to level.

Halas surged clear with two more goals only for Rio to get one back just before the whistle.

Halas scorers were Cameron Milne (2), Ellis Meredith, Nathan Postin, Dylan Keeling and Matt Jones.

Halas Hawks D 2

Trysull Tigers East 0

Halas secured the runners-up spot in Division One. Trysull's excellent keeper defied all but two of the 27 Halas shots at goal. Dalmar Morrison and Jordan Boffey were the scorers.

Tividale clinch the title

Tividale 4

Bustleholme 1

TIVIDALE are West Midlands Premier League champions.

They took a big step towards the crown at the weekend with a solid performance against a Bustleholme side riddled by injuries and suspensions.

And a 4-2 defeat for their nearest rivals, AFC Wulfrunians, on Tuesday against Shifnal sealed the title for Tividale.

The breakthrough came on 35 minutes when Brett Clark laid the ball off for an unmarked Matt Salmon to fire home.

The second came just a minute later when Kyle Hill put in a cross and the ball fell kindly to Lee Chilton who tapped home from six yards.

Matty Jukes got the goal his hard work deserved but the match was sealed on 82 minutes when Clark was brought down in the box by Jake Foster after an excellent run and Matthew Salmon scored from the spot-kick.

Lee Chilton ended the scoring in the final minute when he side-footed in a cross from substitute Chris Russell.

Bragoli bags winning goal

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Loughborough Univ 0

CAPTAIN Danny Bragoli struck the only goal as Tipton saw off third-placed Loughborough University in the Midland Alliance.

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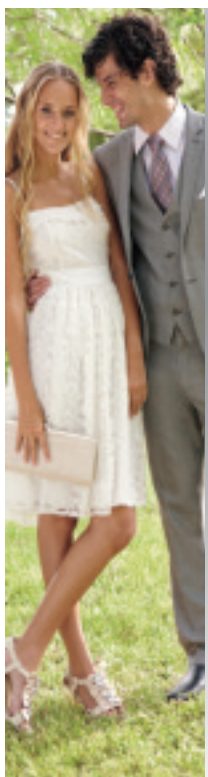


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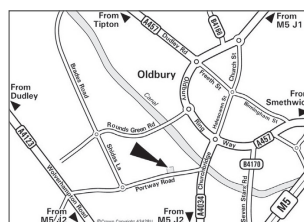
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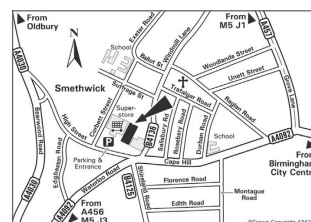
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